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Dear Friends,

Your local Treasurer.

We have heard the call of Baha'u'llah, Abdu'l-Baha, the Guardian, our National Secretary, and our Local Secretaries, to rouse ourselves to teach the Cause, and establish the Baha'i Faith in the world. We have heard, also, appeals from the National and Local Treasurers for funds to carry out these sacred duties. I just wish to state a few facts that will help us to realise what is needed of us.

At the Centenary Convention a request for a Six Year Plan was made to the Guardian. The Plan was sent, and the National Spiritual Assembly has undertaken to do its utmost to carry out this Plan. It depends on support, not only from those Baha'is outside the Local Assemblies, but from the Local Assemblies themselves. This support entails our burning desire to serve the Cause by extending our teaching work locally, and contributing to the National Fund through our Local Fund.

So you see what our sacred duty is:-

- 1). We have to maintain our Centre and use it to the full for teaching.
- 2). To take the Message to every possible locality under our jurisdiction, entailing various expenses, and
- 3). To contribute to the National Fund to help pay for the establishment of the Faith in new towns.

At the moment, our local Baha'i Fund is only able to do 1). The L.S.A. has undertaken on our behalf to do 3)., by contributing 5% of all donations to the London Baha'i Fund to the National Fund; i.e. out of every £ 1 received, 1/- is set aside for the National Fund.

The L.S.A. has the faith that the friends will approve of this resolution and will see to it that 2) is not held up, through lack of funds.

With warm Baha'i greetings,

Yours in His service,

Kathleen Brown.

JANUARY FUNCTIONS

1st. Monday.....L.S.A. Meeting at 7.0

6th & 7th. Weekend.....N.S.A. Meeting in London.

11th. Thursday.....7.0 p.m. Public Meeting at the
Centre. Subject: "Security"
Speaker: Hasan Balyuzi.
This meeting is intended specially
for those who cannot manage Sunday
afternoons, and if successful, fur-
ther evening meetings will be held.

15th. Monday.....L.S.A. Meeting at 7.0

19th. Friday.....7.0 p.m. Feast of Sultan -
Sovereignty
Host: Walter Wilkins.

27th. Saturday.....3.30 p.m. Unity Feast. This feast
provides a welcome opportunity of
being together amongst ourselves,
particularly for those who do not
attend evening feasts. Gifts in
kind are invited.

Study classes on Thursdays at 7.0 p.m.

The National Teaching Conference will be held in Manchester
during the weekend of 20th to 21st.

POSTAL STUDY COURSE Further to the circular letter you will have
received from the N.S.A. regarding the
Six Year Plan, this is a reminder that a Post-
al Study Course is being worked out, and that you are in-
vited to register for this. The Course will prove of great
interest and value, not only to the Pioneer, but to any mem-
ber of the Communities who takes teaching work at all
seriously. However extensive your knowledge of the Cause,
your types of listener are bound to be of such varying men-
tality, that the information given by the Course will prove
useful in answering some abstruse question. George Townshend
is one of the consultant members of the Committee.

SUNDAY MEETINGS need a little more of your support, again,
for although they were well-attended by both believers and
visitors for a while, a decrease in the number of friends
present has been paralleled by a decrease in the numbers
of visitors, upon whom the "emptiness" of the meeting room
seems to react unfavorably. Please rally around to revive
enthusiastic meetings!

SUBURBAN MEETING. A sympathetic audience of about fifty
===== people were gathered in a room hired
at the Palladium Cinema, when the Baha'i Faith was publicly
proclaimed for the first time in Ealing. The Middlesex
County Times gave a good and accurate write-up, as publicity
a week before the meeting, and a sensible report afterwards.
At the meeting, which was entitled "World Citizenship - on
What Foundation?", the chair was taken by a non-Baha'i who
sympathises with our aims, and the Baha'i teachings were
presented by Vivian Isenthal and John Ferraby. The wide-
spread nature of the Community of Baha'u'llah was shown
by contributions from Norman Smith and Tom Dowson.
The audience asked a number of questions, during the discuss-
ion which followed, and were able to see a display of
Baha'i literature, and photographs which had been shown at
the Centenary exhibition.

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Friends will be very sorry to learn that Brian Stevenson
is still in St. Charles' Hospital, St. Charles' Square,
Ladbroke Grove, where he has been for two months, with a
rheumatic complaint. He will be at least another month
convalescing, when he leaves the hospital. On behalf of
the community, a plant was sent to him, together with a note
signed by the members of the L.S.A. Letters and visits
from the friends will be welcome.

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"The mission of the prophets of God has been
to train the souls of humanity and free them from the
thraldom of natural instincts and physical tendencies.
They are like unto gardeners, and the world of humanity is
the field of their cultivation, the wilderness and untrain-
ed jungle growth wherein they proceed to labor. They
cause the crooked branches to become straghtened, the fruit-
less trees to become fruitful, and gradually transform this
great wild uncultivated field into a beautiful orchard
producing wonderful abundance and outcome."

From "Promulgation of Universal Peace"
by Abdu'l-Baha.